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In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as indicated below:

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at line 8 of Page 1 as follows:

This patent application may be related to the following commonly-owned United States patent applications, each of which is incorporated in its entirety by reference:

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,733, now issued as U.S. patent number 6,754,219, assigned attorney docket no. 2204/154 entitled MODULAR ROUTING SYSTEM, filed on even date herewith, and hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety;

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,022, now issued as U.S. patent number 6,757,289, assigned attorney docket no. 2204/155 entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A FAILED APPLICATION AND OTHER EXECUTING APPLICATIONS, filed on even date herewith, and hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety;

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,021, currently pending, assigned attorney docket no. 2204/156 entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORWARDING MESSAGES BETWEEN TWO APPLICATIONS, filed on even date herewith, and hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety;

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,009, now abandoned, assigned attorney docket no. 2204/158 entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CREATING BYPASS

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PATHS BETWEEN APPLICATIONS, filed on even date herewith, and hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety;

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,007, currently pending, assigned attorney
~~docket no. 2204/159~~ entitled THREAD MEMORY RECLAMATION, filed on even date
herewith, and hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety;

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,019, currently pending, assigned attorney
~~docket no. 2204/160~~ entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING MESSAGES
FORWARDED BETWEEN APPLICATIONS, filed on even date herewith, and hereby
incorporated by reference in its entirety;

U.S. patent application serial number 09/326,238, now abandoned, assigned attorney
~~docket no. 2204/162~~ entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANAGING AND
CONFIGURING A NETWORK DEVICE, filed on even date herewith, and hereby incorporated
by reference in its entirety; and

U.S. patent application serial number 09/325,892, currently pending, assigned attorney
~~docket no. 2204/163~~ entitled ROUTER TABLE MANAGER, filed on even date herewith, and
hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.